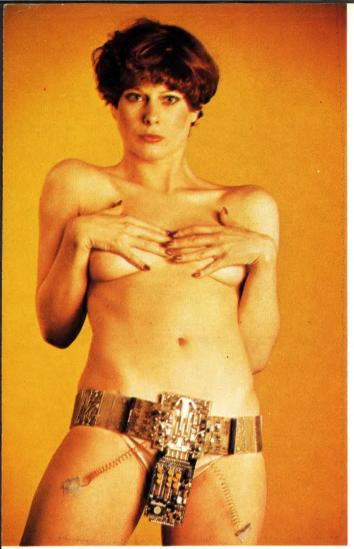
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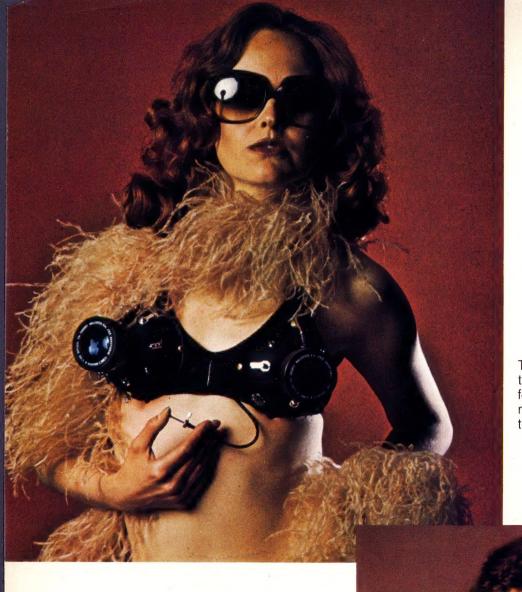
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An International Insanity Editorial

NATION **FACES** BANKRUPTCY

Every day, newspapers report new astronomical salaries for personalities in such diverse fields as sports, entertainment and news coverage. Reporters Woodward and Bernstein, once content to slave away on newspapers for a paltry 20 grand or so, now find themselves having to hire Brinks trucks to make weekly desposits at their banks when the royalties come in on their books. Barbara Walters can virtually bankrupt Chase Manhattan simply by cashing her check on a busy 15th of the month-without giving Nelson Rockefeller's brother David advance notice of her coming. As for football players, they had enough trouble tackling Larry Czonka before his raise. If he should ever wear his money belt, it will add 675 pounds to his bulk and it will take a Sherman tank to bring him down.

President Ford, in his infinite wisdom, has ordered the U.S. Treasury to mint and disseminate \$2 bills. As usual he is too late with too little. IT IS OBVI-OUS from the latest round of labor negotiations, where even the little man (the San Francisco cop, the New York City transit worker, etc.) is going to be carrying home a pork-barrel full of additional monies each week, that we must have higher demoniation bills. Otherwise, the sight of people walking around with wheelbarrows filled with fiduciary is inevitable.

In our opinion, it is imperative that we act now to outlaw coins and all bills under \$5.

As it is, hospitals across the country are reporting an epidemic of strangulated hernias, the result of men unable to bear the burden of overweight wallets.

Our choices are either the printing of higher-denomination bills or a Communist takeover of the government. This way a more equitable distribution of wealth will enrich a hierarchy of higher-ups and leave the working masses once more happy and carefree and no longer enslaved to excessive wealth.



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UNINFORMED SOURCES:

In which our totally out-of-touch correspondents fail to fill us in on what's happening in the world today

JIMMY CARTER **RECEIVED SMILE TRANSPLANT**

Democratic Presidential hopeful Jimmy Carter's facial architecture is "medically impossible," says Dr. Ignatius Soandso, the leading proponent of Orthodoniafedapedia, the science of divining facial engineering.

Dr. Soandso theorizes that Carter's toothy grin was actually transplanted from the body of famed Stepin Fetchit, a brilliant black folk foot educator, whose most important work was done in California in the 1930's and

"Only rigor mortis could hold a smile that long," the doctor commented.

Soandso would like to borrow Carter's mouth for a series of laboratory tests.



Do-it-yourselfer Melva Minestrone has stopped stuffing envelopes for her pin money. Instead, the resourceful housewife performs at-home surgery on her kitchen table for a fraction of the fee charged by a G.P. "Anybody who can stitch a seam can mend little bodies in her spare time," according to Melva.

DOC **SHOCKLEY**

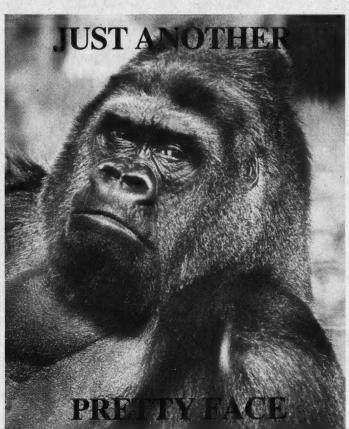


(Doc Shockley is an internationally recognized uninformed authority on a variety of vital subjects. This is his first column for International Insanity.)

Latest word in sociological circles has it that, contrary to previous reports, life in America's black ghettos is "not all that bad" . . . Recent studies indicate that blacks are approximately happier 36% than Caucasians . . . Fewer than 45% of all professional basketball players (average annual salary: \$100,000) are Caucasian Muhammed Ali: "I am the greatest"... "I feel like a sex machine," writes James Brown ... Sexologists confirm that, on the average. blacks have more sex than do Caucasians . . . There is no explanation for increased

black sexual appetite . . . From Hollywood comes word that Robert Redford has been turned down for God role in forthcoming biblical epic, All the Pharaoh's Men. Black actor Fred Williamson reportedly will receive the nod instead . . . Recent academic surveys reveal that many black educators enjoy less working knowledge of the world than the majority of their Caucasian students . . . They receive, however, salaries comparable to those paid to Caucasian educators.

Note: Shortly after completing this, his debut column, Doc Shockley passed away. His funeral was attended by some half-dozen mourners. The average black funeral attracts anywhere from four to six times that number.)





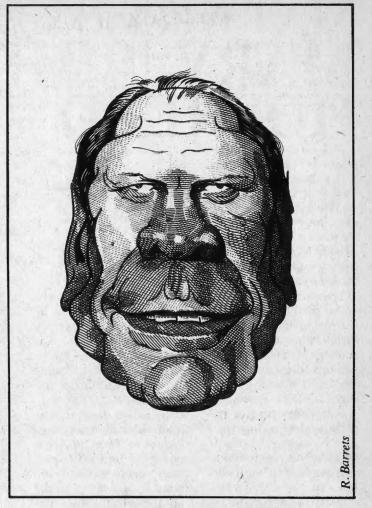
Just one of the tastefully erotic illustrations in the upcoming "Joy of Sex in Sports." Here: The Flying Fuck.

CAPOTE ASSASSINATED!

New York—Truman Capote, the little lisping literati and former darling of the jet set, died last evening when an unknown assailant flung a glass of an inferior Pennsylvania champagne, Morte de Pittsburgh, in his face. Doctors have determined that a heart attack, brought on by the revolt of his taste buds, was the cause of death.

Capote had just finished writing, and was about to publish, a book about the rich and famous, "Answered Prayers." He had been researching his factual novel in the chic-est men's rooms of America and Europe for the last 10 years.

Investigation of the murder is being hindered by the lengthy list of suspects. A partial list of those being questioned by the police include: Jackie Onassis, Lee Radziwill, Jean Cocteau, Greta Garbo, Gloria Vanderbilt Whitney, Doris Duke, the Shah of Iran, Aly Khan, Peggy Guggenheim, Cyril Connolly, Marlene Dietrich, Gore Vidal, Christopher Isherwood, Cole Porter, Kim Novak, Barbara Hutton, Porfiro Rubirosa, Cecil Beaton and an aging Italian singer who sues everyone who prints his name.



FORD BUYS PANAMA CANAL

Better Bargain Than Brooklyn Bridge, Sez Prez







NEXT WEEK ON MARY HOPHEAD

reigns in Fernwood. Sgt. Folley discovers a suspicious white powder in a cardboard container beneath Mary's kitchen sink. He sends it to the police lab to be analyzed. To combat the migraine headaches caused by the onset of prepubescence, Heather steps up her use of heroin cut by increasing amounts of Arthritis Pain Formula. Tom confides his potency problem to a fellow at the plant who sells him a "herb" cure for \$45 an ounce.

Sgt. Folley finds a suspicious white powder in a plastic shake bottle in Mary's bathroom cabinet and sends it to the police lab to be analyzed. Grandpa's physician, Dr. Quackenbush, prescribes an over-the-counter drug. cocaine, for Grandpa's blocked sinuses. Tom stashes his potency cure in Mary's spice rack. Charlev and Loretta run out of the whipped cream they needed to make Shirley Temples for their Tuesday evening Bible class and decide to check out the whipping gas in the dispenser to see if it caused the problem.

In order to supplement her baby sitting earnings, Heather takes a part-time job on the corner of Third and Main streets. Mary is happy that her daughter will now be too busy to watch TV after the Family Hour. Because medicaid does not cover the high cost of his new decongestant, Grandpa offers to manage Heather's freelance work on Third and Main. Mary lends Tom's stash to Mrs. Chumley who has run out of oregano.



Sgt. Folley discovers a suspicious white powder in a china canister on Mary's dining room table. He sends it to the police lab to be analyzed. Mr. Chumley, after a meal of home-made spaghetti, string beans, oregano and salad with Italian dressing, decides to take the lawn mower out for a little spin. Mary's mother, visibly affected by her heavy meal, has a dream in which she makes love to Tom Snyder and the entire NBC News cast and crew. When Charlie's lips and fingertips turn blue after inhaling the "whipping air," Loretta interprets it as a sign from the Lord to do missionary work on the Alaska pipe line.

The lab reports come back with conclusive evidence of Mary's addiction to baby powder, refined white sugar and new, improved action Duz. Loretta and Charlie, equipped with two cases of whipped cream dispensers and Bibles, travel north to convert the heaten in Fairbanks. Grandpa and Heather invest the profits of their joint business venture in a chain of Tastee-Freezes. The Chumleys buy their oregano in bulk and Mary goes to the supermarket to stock up on suspicious white powders. In a fit of pique, Tom caulks the driveway.

WE'RE ALL SWINES ABOUT THE FLU VIRUS

Inject Pigs Not People

OFF THE PIG! It's about time we often-inhuman humans stopped blaming the helpless and much maligned pig for all of society's woes. "You're filthy as a pig!" scream indignant mothers to young offspring who come home candidates for Bold advertisements. "Pig!" is the epithet most often hurled by the brothers when the brothers don't shout "Mothers!" Flashers, and all manner of sexual offenders, are assailed by the loathsome tag, "Dirty pig!" Pig is the animal deemed too loathsome to eat by Orthodox Jews and Muslims. Nutritionists warn about eating pig meat and getting trichinosis. Even the word pigmy, like the porcine animal that bears the name pig, is someone who gets the short end of the stick.

So, OFF THE PIG! Let's

not place the blame for a virulent disease on the worst scapegoat in history.

Remember, instead, that the three little pigs got huffed and puffed on for your sins. Think about Porky Pig's brilliant artistic efforts in movie cartoons. And dwell on football games, observing a moment's silent tribute for the pigskin, which spends the game getting kicked around, as usual.

So, once more, OFF THE PIG! Put the blame on Mame, or Maine, or on anyone but a most misunderstood porcine pal who has been oppressed for eons... to the extent that its horizons are limited and its future is so constricted that the animal's glum motto is a restrictive, ''The sty's the limit."

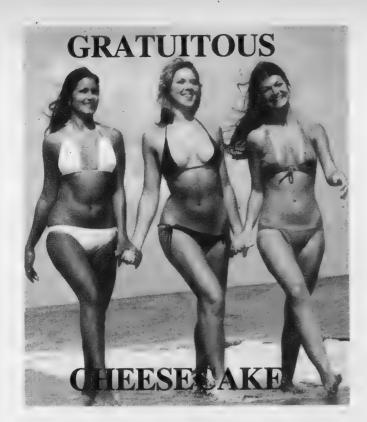
Rejection, yes . . . Injection, never!—P.H.



ACU-PIMPLE

Mainland Chinese doctors have discovered that an incorrect confluence of the energy forces known as "Chi" create a lesion on the skin. However, if the pressure points are properly manipulated with a sharpened chopstick, the "Chi" forces

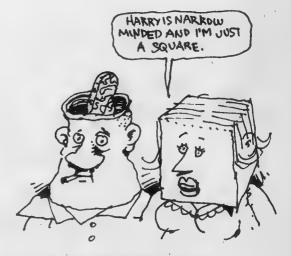
are released and easily washed away. Cher Bono has volunteered to be the first American "guinea pig" for Acu-Pimple. Cher's press agent reports: "Cher has expressed complete belief in the Eastern Zit therapy."



POLISH PREMISES PUSHERS

WARSAW—Five men were arrested today while pushing a house down Walaski Avenue.

When questioned by the authorities, Landlord Kaslu Mitsku explained that they were attempting to jump start the oil burner.



TEXAS FARMER LOSES WIFE TO MYSTERIOUS FORCES OF EVIL

Pig farmer Walter Podlapcek and his wife Bertha were returning to their small farm on the New Mexico border after a bingo party at the Vega Grain Elevator. As they turned off the main highway and proceeded down a smaller dirt road, Bertha heard a strange cackling sound. From this point on, the journey turned into a living hell. "At first I just thought it was Bertha's imagination because she's given to thinking like that," said Podlapcek.

But soon the cackling became louder and strange, menacing shadows loomed all around their 1954 Dodge pick-up truck. "I didn't pay much attention to Bertha's screaming until I noticed that these things seemed to be giant ducks, leaping about and flapping their wings."

As the duckforms continued their strange dance of evil, the farmer drove faster. "I seen lots of ducks before, but I never heard one cackle. Wisht I'd had my Polaroid."

Realizing his situation to be an unusual one, Mr. Podlapcek attempted to run down one of the leering ducks so that he'd have some proof of his vision for the boys at the Grange. But as he tried, his headlights went out and a strange, eerie green glow lit up the surrounding desert. A horrified Mrs. Podlapcek passed out. "She fell right over, and her false teeth fell out," stated the farmer. "One of those weird mallards appeared and took the false teeth right out of her lap."

While the little truck careened down the lonely dirt road the menacing blue ducks tried to overturn it. The farmer's wife came to, and tried to assail the duck that had stolen her plates. "She looked pretty funny whacking at that duck with the canned ham she'd just won at bingo." Suddenly a mighty wind sprang up and there was a dust storm the likes of which had never seen in those parts. The wicked ducks continued plucking at the car for spare parts, and reaching through the windows to tear at their clothes. "When one of those bastards picked my spectacles right off my nose, I asked Bertha to drive, but when I looked for her, she wasn't there. One of those ugly critters must have got her."

Saddened by the loss of his wife, but still plucky, the farmer drove on. He was determined to outrun the sinister ducks. As he finally reached his farm, he tried to stop the truck. "Some power of the Devil had hold on my truck, because it wouldn't stop even when I turned off the motor."

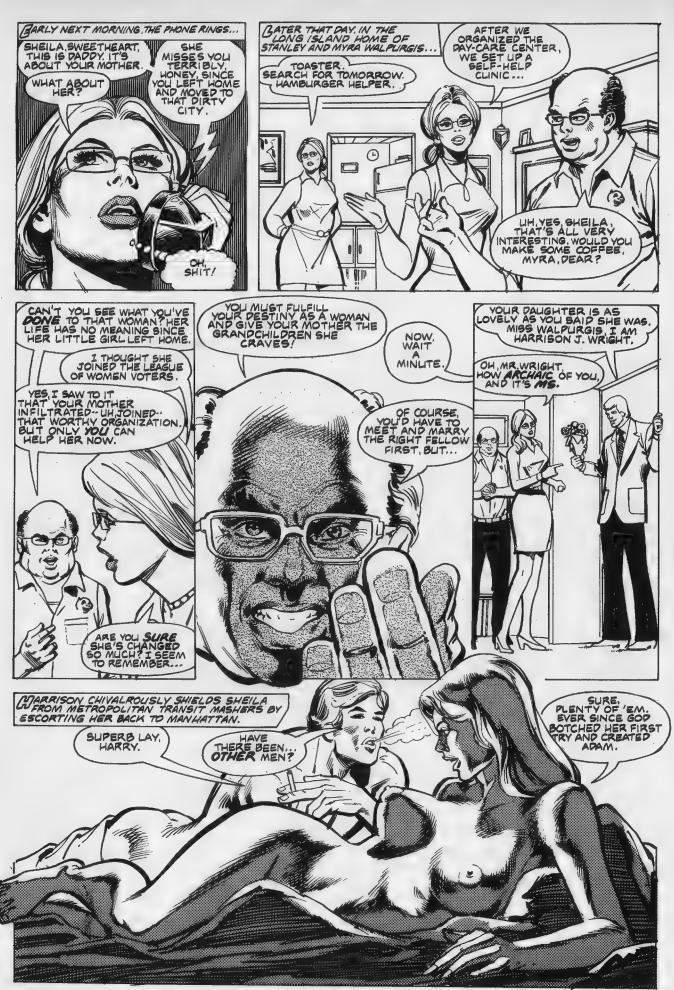
"That was when I ran through the wall of the barn and killed my son who was milking the cow. That stopped the truck, and I jumped out and ran to the house for my shotgun. When I come out again, all them nasty ducks was just running around the barnyard kicking all my animals. I fired a few rounds of buckshot at them and they disappeared as quick they'd come."

Why did this malevolent force attack this innocent and simple farmer? Could this happen to anyone on that lonely Texas road? Research has revealed no other such incidents in the area. "There's definitely evil forces in this world. Sure wish I'd had my Brownie," mused the farmer. "Hardly nobody believes me."

Asked how this queer event has affected his life, the Texas farmer replied, "Well, Bertha was a good women, but it sure will be hard to slaughter all the hogs this year without Junior's help."











Fantastic New Breakthrough In Computer Technology

And Lucky Days! Lucky Months! Lucky Moves! (In Career, Love, Lotteries, Sweepstakes, Sports, Games, Gambling, Business, Investments, etc. etc.)

- By Science Writer, J. L. Dunsdon.

Now-the same computer science that made it possible to put a man on the moon, has taken the element of Luck and reduced it to a set of numbers. The exact numbers (and how to play them) that can turn your life into a winning streak—day after day, month after month, year after year

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Albert Einstein, and the other men who made atomic energy possible, knew all about the awesome power of the atom long before the first atomic bomb was dropped. They figured With numit out on paper, mathematically.

bers! Numbers are the language of nature. Simply because they're a lot more honest than words! Take the word, "beautiful", for example. It holds a different meaning for everyone who hears it. But a 7 is always a 7. And 11 is 11. Not 12 or 10 but 11!



Pythagoras, the ancient Greek mathematician and father of geometry, used his rare genius for figures to develop a vastly superior form of Astrology called Numerology. A system of prediction (and de-termining luck) that has fascinated astrologers and scientists alike for centuries.

But until modern computers were developed, But until modern computers were developed, no one could really put Pythagoras' fabulous system to the test. Then one day, not too long ago, a brilliant group of computer experts decided to try an experiment that had never been done before. They thought it would be fun to try and program Pythagoras' system of prediction (Numerology) into their computers.

And WHAM! They got the shock of their lives

At first they couldn't believe it!

But after checking, and rechecking, they had But after checking, and rechecking, they had to believe it. In effect, what the computer was saying was that Lady Luck is no more mysterious than the tiny atom. It could be understood mathematically. And now so could She! The element of luck, fate, chance, happenstance, fortune (call it what you will) could just like the tiny atom be understood mathematically and account of the country of the cally, and even controlled and improved upon. In other words, armed with all the right numbers (and the simple information about how to play them) a person could actually change their luck for the better!!

A discovery far too important to just sit there idly inside the computer!

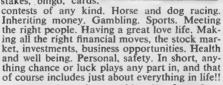
These brilliant computer scientists realized that this miraculous system couldn't possibly help anyone just sitting there inside the computer. Ways had to be found to make this information available to everyone, at a price that the average person could afford. (After all we're the ones who need all the luck we can get!)

Finally, after many months of further refinements and development, it is now possible to

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Here are just a few case histories of people who 've suddenly gotten lucky after

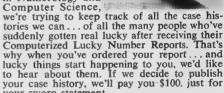
"I turned a 22 handicap into a \$3,500.00 winning streak on the golf course."

L. Nastri: "I won \$5,800.00 in the O.T.B. Exacta playing my four lucky numbers."

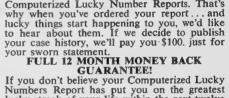
C. Benton:
"I really hit it big. I won \$30,000 in a lottery."

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FACTS ABOUT THE UNKNOWN

No one knows more about the unknown than I, as I have probably proved to you. If you do not believe me, do not admit it in public! My many fans and colleagues are unpredictable people at best, and could become irate. Listen now while I share with you some of my latest knowledge gleaned at extreme expense of life and limb while I have precariously extended my psyche into the DEPTHS OF THE NETHER REGIONS!

Personal to Italy-MOVE OUT NOW!

Yuri Geller will solve the cities' parking problems by teaching drivers to levitate their cars above the street level.

Baseball helmets will become the newest fashion for style-conscious ladies.

Palm trees are *NOT* cancer producing:

There will be a giant bat swarm over the city of Cincinnati, but the great faith of the inhabitants will cause its dispersal.

There will be trouble in many offices as we continue our health fads in America octagenarian bosses lunging about and assaulting innocent young secretaries.

Detroit will come out with a new model!

James Cagney will remain retired.

Mick Jagger will give up the music business and become a pretzel vendor on Forty-Second Street.

Elizabeth Ashley will get hers.

For reasons of economy the President has declared that there will be no summer in 1976 . . .

Aretha Franklin will lose more weight, and become the first invisible soul singer.

Pete Rose will break his nose sliding into second base and no one will notice.

Staff Astrologer Rosa Bizzario

Let's talk tarot. Now, you may consider the tarot a trick used by trashy gypsies, but you are wrong. It is an ancient method of divination used long ago by ancient ferns. Consider the card of the fool. It is interpreted by many as a witless card . . . a card of stupidity. Wrong again! Listen to the words of Theron Q. Dumont and you will understand . . . "But, you may say, the belief of a child does not enable him to reach the moon!"

Now, I would like to teach you about something I know very little about . . . UFOs. These are thought to be vessels from the far corners of the universe, who come into our realm for various reasons, none of which are known to the average man. But to the intitiate of the ancient knowledge, these are known. Unfortunately they are never revealed, so there is little more for me to say. If you really want to know these facts about the unknown send a stamped, self addressed envelope to me, Rosa Bizarrio, care of this magazine, and I will forward your letter to the stars.

South American farmers will begin disappearing at a rapid rate as large holes appear in the hills of Rio.

The Ku Klux Klan will take over large portions of Antartica and attempt to ship penquins to Africa.

If marijuana becomes legalized, what will people smoke?

Dog liberation will make advances in the latter half of 1976. Anyone who has ever studied the fate of the common dog will realize that he is not allowed to ride on public transportation, swim in public pools or enjoy most of our nation's beaches. And the insult of leash laws is equally appalling. Let's give man's best friend a chance to improve himself. Rin-Tin Tin will lead the fight.

Do not read this section unless you want to devote the rest of your life to the practices of the unknown, the unsure and the unstable. The next sentence is for those eyes alone . . . I will reveal this once, and only once, and if you apply it, your life will change drastically. With proper application you will have great luck, but with gross misuse, you will suffer greatly. Ready? Here 'tis: 'Dangle a carrot in front of your nose, and follow the carrot wherever it goes!'

David Bowie will become a Roller Derby queen.

Television will replace radio completely by the first of 1977.

· When rabbits roar, it is a bad time.

Doctors will discover that peanut brittle is amazingly consistent in curing broken bones . . .

Red China will change its name.

The United Nations will find international disputes are settled easily through tug of war.

Truckers heading to Peoria this year should not divulge the contents of their trucks to anyone, not even the most honest policeman... even he may be a robber is disguise.

Bruce Springsteen will NOT win a Grammy this year.

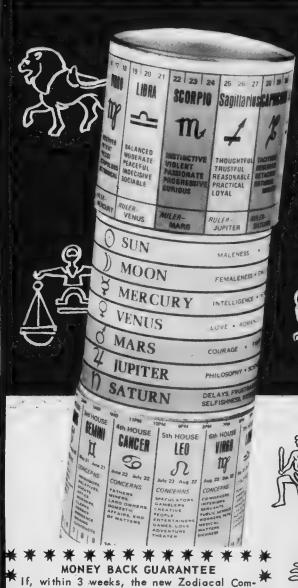
Winnie Winkle's daughter will become a hooker.

One of my most startling discoveries to date is the little-known fact that Billy Graham does not know whether God is on his side or not.

The Secret Life of Plants will be next season's hottest soap opera!

Now, dear friends, I must finish. I have re-entered the world of now, and there is little more to tell. If you take these words to heart you will be assured of success in whatever you may do. Until we meet again I remain incognito,

Rosa Bizarrio.



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It was just after the loss of North Africa and Hitler was despondent. Almost 60,000 dead or missing, 3,000 tanks destroyed and the Allies about to invade Italy. In addition to all of this, his driving lessons were going poorly and he was getting depressed over Himmler's constant chiding whenever he'd grind the gears. It burned Hitler that Himmler could drive so well and change a tire without using a jack. He decided to call Mussolini; that fool always seemed so cheerful.

"Get yourself a kitten," Il Duce suggested. "They're much more fun than a dog and they travel well. You can take a kitten from Berlin to Berchtesgaden and it won't get sick all over the Mercedes."

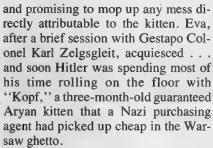
Hitler figured, why not. Mussolini was always bragging about his own cat, Nardini—"Nardini knocked over the vase, Nardini caught a mouse, Nardini's a hell of a fascist''—and even now, with the Allies poised to strike, Mussolini was joking about Nardini getting de-wormed.

But when Hitler broached the subject to his mistress, Eva Braun, she objected, asserting that she'd be the one who'd have to feed it and change the kitty litter. Eva had already had a bitter experience with a parakeet and was overly hostile to the prospect of another pet. Not Hitler. In his usual offhand manner, he told her not to worry, assuring her that he'd take full responsibility



R'S KITTEN

His Feline by Richard Smith



At first, Hitler kept his promise to Eva. Kopf became the official Reichstag kitten and never left Hitler's side, even going so far as to nap in Hitler's holster whenever the Luger was in use. The German high command grew accustomed to seeing Hitler cadging bits of fish from the cook or begging pieces of string or worn-out whips so that Kopf might have something to play with. But after the Allies conquered Italy, Hitler found he had much less time for frivolities, and taking care of Kopf, who had grown somewhat demanding, proved difficult. Soon the kitty box was overflowing and an unmistakable stench permeated Berchtesgaden. People began to politely turn down Hitler's invitations to "stop by," pleading a number of excuses such as a headache or deportation. Even the Japanese, who were negotiating for the sale of 1,000 transistor tanks that only weighed four pounds each and used considerably less fuel, preferred to conduct their business either over the

phone or standing at the bottom of the mountain and shouting.

Rather than face Eva's shrill "I told you so," Hitler ordered Goebbels to take care of the kitten. Goebbels loathed cats and took full advantage of his position by ordering Himmler to do it. Himmler, allergic to cats, ordered Goering, who, in turn, ordered Ribbentrop, who flatly refused, claiming that Kopf had twice scratched the medals off of his one good uniform. Finally the task fell to Obergruppensturmfuhrer Ollie Schussel, on detached leave from the Ukrainian SS. Schussel, resplendent in his hopsack uniform and medals, was constantly seen holding his nose and lugging an odiferous bag down the road to the official Berchtesgaden garbage dump, shaking his head and muttering, "Ach."

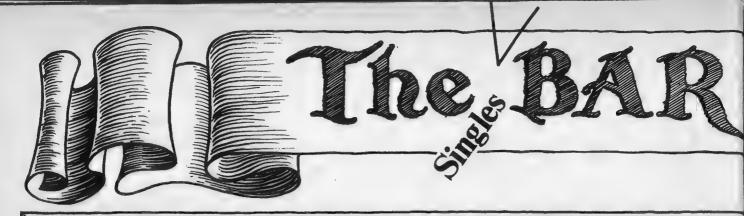
By 1945, the war was going badly for Germany and food was scarce. Hitler ordered Albert Speer, architect of Germany's mighty war machine, to also make certain that an adequate supply of catfood was on hand at all times, plus enough kitty litter to last at least five days in case of an air raid. It sounded easy enough but the long walk from Berchtesgaden to the nearest village made procurement difficult, and severe punishment was meted out to any member of the Reich who went out without picking up catfood.



"Hitler was a terror," recalled Speer. "I thought he was angry when we lost Italy, but you should have seen him when Goebbels went to town for hand lotion and forgot to pick up Kleine Katzen Yummies. Hitler gave Goebbels KP on the Russian front for six months and then made him walk back to Germany in a cheap pair of moccasins."

Hitler's disenchantment with the kitten came rather suddenly. Kopf spilled a bottle of Pepsi all over page 12 of Von Klippenstein's book, "Wars and How to Win Them," causing Hitler to commit the fatal tactical blunder of ordering the Siegfried Line defended with armored bicycles and shovels. Goebbels, whose hatred of the kitten by this time bordered on the pathological, saw his chance and convinced Hitler that Kopf was Jewish. Enraged, Hitler ordered the roundup of all circumcized cats with hooked noses who talked with their paws and wore yarmulkas.

Kopf, even though he was actually half-Jewish and half-Norwegian, saw the handwriting on the wall. Packing nothing but some string and a tin of tuna fish, he tried to make his way to Argentina, but was caught by the Allies and tried as a war criminal. Kopf was found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment with Albert Speer, who taught him to bark Deutschland uber Alles.

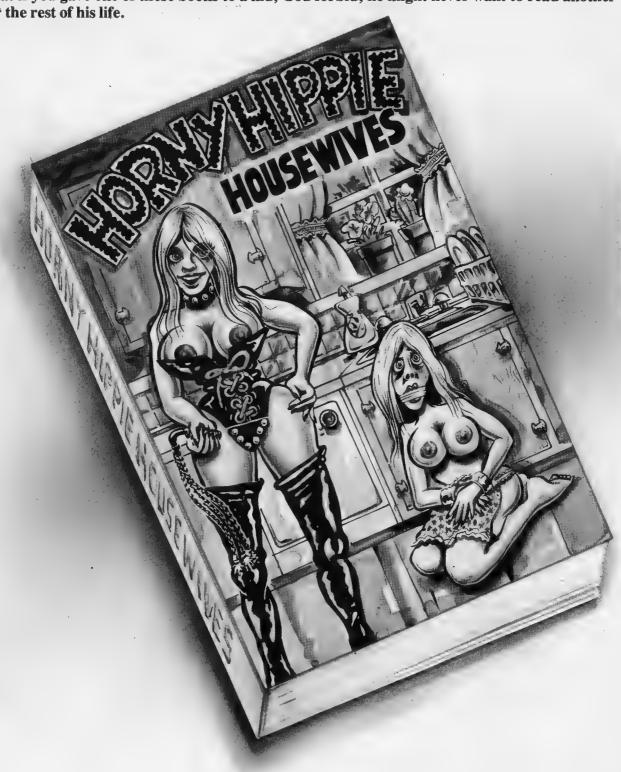




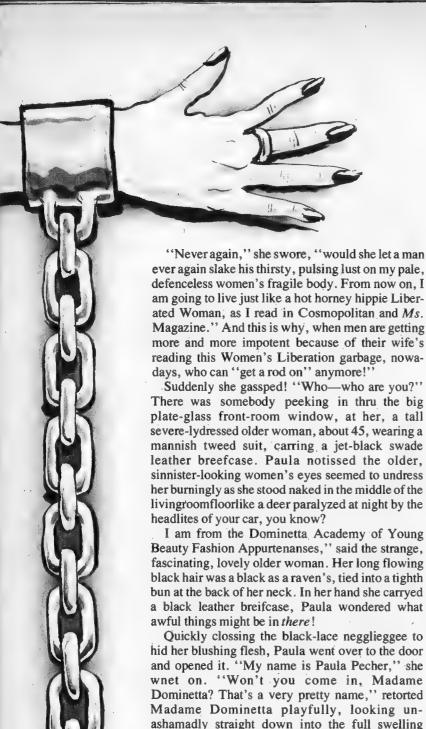
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Y'ever wonder how come the most infantile, simple-minded stroke book always comes festooned with warnings like "Strictly Adult Fiction," "Adults Only," etc? Certainly there's nothing grown up about anything you can buy in a so-called "Adult Bookstore." Well, most of these horrible things are written by guys working nine-to-five in an office in New York, no kidding. Not one is what you'd call a literary genius, and his basic ignorance of grammar, spelling, and punctuation is invariably rendered faithfully by the typesetter who usually adds his own errata to the text with a broken-down old composing machine. Finally, the artists who illustrate these abominations never know their arses from their elbows, or any other anatomical phenomenon—with the result that if you gave one of these books to a kid, God forbid, he might never want to read another book for the rest of his life.







Quickly clossing the black-lace negglieggee to hid her blushing flesh, Paula went over to the door and opened it. "My name is Paula Pecher," she wnet on. "Won't you come in, Madame Dominetta? That's a very pretty name," retorted Madame Dominetta playfully, looking unashamadly straight down into the full swelling generous, allabaster pink-tipped, straining neckline of Paula's blouse. "I want to know more about you,

my Dear, much, much more!"

Soon the older woman had Paula relaxing comfertably on the reclining chair, sitting back with her long, gorgeouss chorusgirl legs stretched out in front of her, whilst Madame Dominetta sensually massaged her back. Her big, justing breasts were only inches away from the woman's devious carmine finger's, as she relaxed under the soothing back-rub wondering how

she could turn this young blonde horney hippie housewive into her abject slave-girl. This is what it's all about! All those big-name Womens Liberationism types are only big, loudmouth Lesbians. They just want to make "straighth" women not give their husband's anything, so that they'll be horney and then the big "bull-dikers" sneak right into your house and seduce your wife righth under

your nose! To perverted, hot, raw, sex! Well, Paula awoke to disscover with a shreek of frighth that her arms and ankles were cleverely tied spread-eagled to the chair!

How she struggled in this excruciating bondage position! "Her muscles crampped painfully

as she pulled at the merciless ropes, to no avail. Mistress Dominetta knew her evil bondage Lesbotricks only too well! "Ha, Ha!" she gloated at the terror-stricken body of the squirming, shamefaced young girl, whose hem creeped slowly up her round thigh to expose a glimpse of white, defenseless thighs abouve the dark stocking-top, attached by a red rosette garter-tab to Paula, s garter-belt, "I see that you cannot get away now. Now, to introduce you to the chastizement of riggorous Sapphic discipline punishment, I am going to spank the arching, trembling, slowly-redenning roundels of your insolent teen-age bottomcheeks until you count each blow, after it falls, and say "Thank you, Madame Dominetta, for correcting me in the fahsion my poor, aching, smarting blonde bummy deserve's!"

"No! Never!" cried the enervated Paula, pulling resistfully at her sadistic bonds with spunky energy. "You'll never make me do it! I'll die first! Tears of shock and horror poured down the helpless Paula's cheek as she notised the grim, dominnering older women produced a wicked split-ended Martinet from her travell case. "Please! I'll do anything, anything. Anything but that! Who would ever believe the squirming, helpless blonde was but a moment before, Paul Pecher, a hip, liberated horney hippie housewive. Ha! What they really want is a roll in the hay, with a real Man, anway,

Suddenly the door bursted open! With another shreek, Mistress Dominetta, stripped to her special "torture costume of tighth-laced black leather corsset, barely concealing the high-breasted titts it covered, and high-top boots with 18" spike heels, topped by a pair of tight black rubber bikini pantie's," dropped the ugly whip. Paul grabbed the woman by the arm and twissted it behind her back until she grunted in pain.

"Hi, I forgot that it was—" Paul stopped, frozen in horror at the sight of this so-called "Liberated Women'' torturing his helplessly-bound 19-year-old blonde wife. "You won't play these games with my wife while I'm gone! he roared," pushing the painwracked body of the humiliated Mistress Dominetta right out into the street, where she strove to hide her mostly-nude body before the curious passer-bies looking on in amusement. "And I'll just keep all this pervert S and M pairaphenalia," he laughed after her, "because I have a feeling my wife has changed her mind about wanting to be a horney hippie Liberated Women

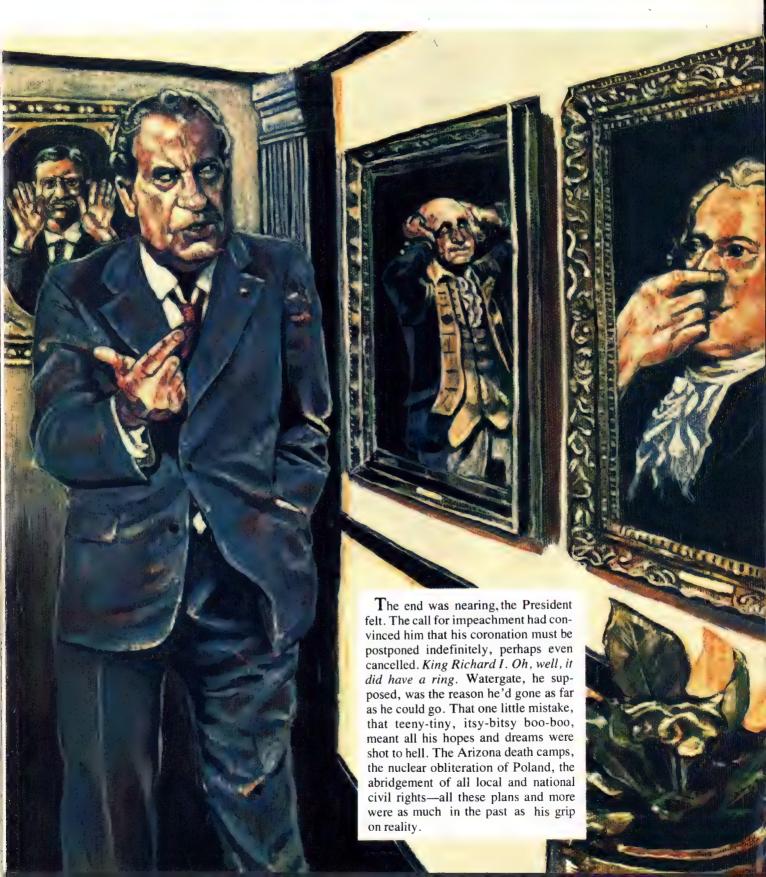
"Oh Paul, how could I be so blind! she murmered wonderingly, looking up into his eyes thru tears of love and faithfulness." Isn't it wonderful that you remembered it was Saturday, and came back home in time to rescue me! I'll never, ever refuse to "go to bed with" you again, I promise. Please take me now, my hot yielding teenage body yearns for your rough mannish carrese."

housewive. Right, Snookims?"

Yes, Paula learned her lesson that day! All righth!

EXCERPTS FROM THE FINAL DAZE

by Robert Hoffman and Dustin Redford





Nixon summoned Kissinger to the TV room. They sat for a time and reminisced about foreign affairs, local boondoggles and shared buggings. Kissinger noticed that the President was drinking Harvey Wallbangers again. Soon, Nixon's tone changed.

"I want my mommy," said the President, and began to suck the furniture and fondle the floor covering. Kissinger, deeply affected by this rare display of normal human emotion, offered what comfort he could.

"If I haf extra mommy, I vould gif her to you," Kissinger said kindly. "Vould you vant a Jewish mommy?"

The President seemed chastened by Kissinger's efforts to calm him.

"No. But I could use the chicken soup."

Nixon then held Kissinger's forearm to the small of his back and asked him to maintain confidentiality. Later, the President was to find out that the Secretary of State had had his toes crossed.



Nixon's son-in-law, Edward Cox, was worried about the President's mental health. Nixon was picking his cuticles again, and although he was as plugged up as a sewer after a rainstorm, the President routinely refused his Haley's

Cox confided his fears to General Alexander Haig, Chief of Staff.

"The President was talking to the pictures again last night," Cox reported.

"Wellll, that could be considered rather Lincolnesque, don't you think?" Haig mused.

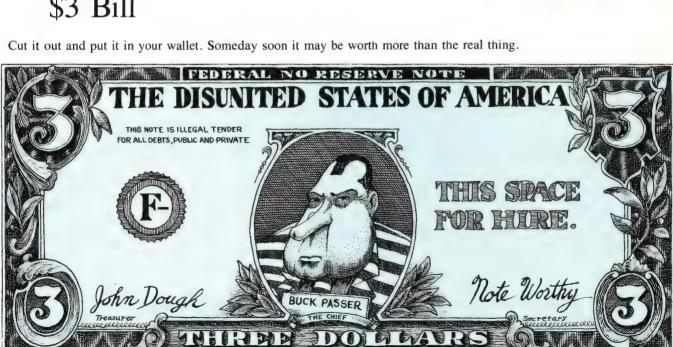
"Oh, yeah? Wait'll you hear what they said to him!"

"Nixon might take his own life," Cox warned.

"Do you really think so?" Haig brightened. There was hope for promotion yet.

The pressures of Watergate had driven Pat Nixon to an occasional highball. This produced an additional strain on the Nixons' relationship and Pat, for the first time since grammar school days, removed her girdle. The release of the pressure caused her to faint.

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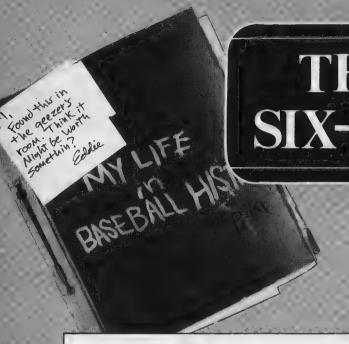
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found meaning in the birth, calling it a "sign or omen" of "things to come." The 1908 Almanac. Farmer's however, attaches no particular significance to six-fingered firstborns.

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April 3, 1927 . . .

Midland Midlanders owner-general manager M. Burleigh (Cap'n) Kowpat proudly announced the signing of 19-year-old seimpro moundsman Ezra "Six-Finger" Pike to a one-year team contract yesterday. "Six-Finger," so named for the extra thumb that graces his gifted pitching hand, hails from nearby Grace Falls, Indiana, making his signing of even greater interest to local followers of our national pastime.

In a well-attended ceremony at "I never thought," grinned the executive offices of Midland Cap'n Kowpat, "that I could say land fans for giving me this op-County Stadium, the Cap'n presented the six-fingered pheenom-whose other hand is joining the local nine, who figure to benefit from the youthful Pike's considerable mound skills. Most impressive, experts say, is his baffling "thumb ball," a pitch organization, the World Champof his own invention and one that ion New York Yankees whose afputs his additional digit to talented use.

a man was all thumbs and by so saying pay him a compliment, but this is what has been done on this forts reward the faith that they normal-with a hefty bonus for historical day in the annals of Midland baseball history.'

"I'd like to thank Mr. Kowpat," young Pike told the assemblage, "the entire Midland filiate this Middle American League franchise is, my mother,

portunity to prove myself and play. I only hope my hurling efhave showed in me thus far.'

Pike is expected to be in a Midlanders uniform in time to toss the season's home opener against the rival Edgeville Industrial Giants on April 12th.



The Cap'n welcomes six-fingered pheenom to Midland fold.

MIDLANDERS EDGE INDUSTRIAL GIANTS,7-6

As Six-Fingered Flinger Makes Midland Mound Debut

Midland County Stadium, April 12th . .

The Midland Nine crushed the victory hopes of the visiting Edgeville Industrial Giants with a rousing 7-6 triumph in the season's home opener vesterday. Home runs by catcher Squat Grogan and first sacker Swish Swanson plus smart relief work by hurler Stan "Irish" Palewski put the contest out of reach of the frustrated Giants.

In his first appearance in a Midland uniform, celebrated semipro standout Ezra "Six-Finger" Pike held rival batsmen helpless in the early going, breezing his baffling "thumb ball" by them for five strong innings

dered a single to Harrison, manager

before being shelled in the sending Wilson to third, sixth, when he issued a walked Watson to fill the leadoff pass to Stetkowski, bags, gave up a towering hit Hogan with a pitched home run to Fentry, clearball, allowed a long double ing the sacks, loaded the to Wilson, scoring Stet- bases by walking Sanders, kowski from second and Fanelli and Jones before Hogan from first, surren- being removed by Midland



SIX-FINGERED FLINGER PLAYS **FALL-GUY IN OFF-FIELD FRACAS**

Exhibition Match land County Stadium and With Barnstorming Colored Nine his locker. Pitts, alone at Turns To Violence the time, took umbrage at April 17, 1927...

Amos "Watermelon" Pitts, third sacker for the barnstorming East St. intervene and, in the en-Louis Ebony Invincibles, suing excitement, reslashed the left ear of Midland moundsman Ezra "Six-Finger" Pike with a razor concealed in his palm when the latter attempted to break up an off-field confrontation between Pitts and Midlander Stan "Irish" Palewski following yesterday's County Jail on assault, Midlanders-Invincibles concealed weapon and atmatch, which the colored tempted murder charges.

Palewski allegedly consior Hotel and booked as fronted Pitts outside Midaccessories.

accused him of thieving a chicken he had hidden in the accusation and attacked the Midland player. Observing the incident, Pike attempted to ceived a superficial gash across the top of his left ear for his troubles. The six-fingered rookie twirler was treated at nearby Midland County Hospital and released.

Mr. Pitts is presently being held at Midland nine took by a score of Theremainder of the Invincibles were rounded up at The fracas began when the Midland Colored Excel-



BABE MAKES **MIDLAND** STOP!

 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Midland County Stadium, April 21...} \\ \textbf{The one and only Babe Ruth, pace setting slugger of} \end{array}$ the World Champion New York Yankees, led his stalwart diamond troops into Midland today to meet the townsfolk and prepare for the Yanks' upcoming exhibition match against the local Midland Midlanders. The game will mark the first time the mighty Bombers have ever faced their Class B Middle American League farm team. The New York outfit will pit star twirler Urban Shocker against the Midland's rookie hill hopeful Ezra "Six-Finger" Pike.

Led by the colorful Sultan of Swat, the World Champs exchanged greetings with local officials, citizens and reporters, then posed for pictures with members of the Midland nine. The amiable Babe paused to admire the unique hurling hand of "Six-Finger" Pike, quipping, "If he can have six fingers, wouldn't it only be fair if I could get four strikes?"



THE MIDLAND TOBACCO SHOPPE Proudly Announces That

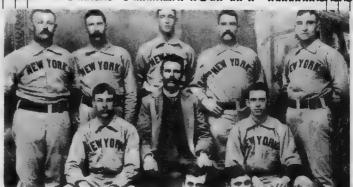
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Thursday, April 21 On Account Of THE BALL GAME

Between

THE MIDLAND MIDLANDERS

B WORLD CHAMPION NY YANKEES



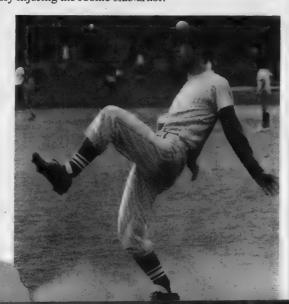
FLINGER FELLED BY SCREAMING LINE DRIVE OFF BAT OF VISITING BABE!

Midland County Stadium, April 22...

A vicious line drive off the bat of visiting Babe Ruth on an 0-2 count in the first inning of yesterday's exhibition game between the Midlanders and the World Champion New York Yankees struck Midland pitcher Ezra "Six-Finger" Pike squarely in the head, seriously injuring the rookie slab artist.

The ball then bounded into deep left field and caromed off the fence, where it was retrieved after a long chase by outfielder "Dago" Van der Hoven, who pegged wildly to second base, too late to nail a speeding Ruth, who immediately took off toward third. First baseman Swish Swanson finally came up with the errant horsehide and fired it to third sacker John Jones, who promptly fumbled the lightning toss. By the time the bewildered Jones recovered the ball, a sliding Babe had crossed the plate safely to score an inside-the-park roundtripper that made the score 1-0 in favor of the visiting team.

The Yanks went on to win the match, 23-1.



THE OLD SPRAWL GAME

Some rookie moundsmen possess enough sense to give way to the premier swatsmiths of the game, but not Midland's own Six-Finger Pike. breezed his thumb ball twice past the mighty Babe, but on the third strike it was Pike, not Ruth. who was out -probably for the season!



MIDLAND MORNING CALLER April 23, 1927

MIDLANDERS RALLY TO STRICKEN MATE'S AID

Midland County Hospital . .

Teammates of rookie hurler Ezra "Six-Finger" Pike visited their fallen comrade --critically injured by a vicious line drive off the bat of the visiting Babe Ruth during Thursday's ill-fated exhibition match between the World Champion Yanks and their Class B Midland farm club—at Midland County Hospital and presented him with a check, the proceeds of a clubhouse collection taken up the previous day.

mined, young Pike seemed to decidedly moist. appreciate his teammates' blinds were already open, the thing wrong with his eyes," could blame four grown men plus this reporter, for owning

As near as could be deter- eyes that were, at that moment,

While Pike's condition regenerous gesture. He thanked mains critical and his future in them, then in a hoarse, barely doubt, Midland County Hosaudible whisper requested pital head Dr. Royce Connags they "Open the blinds and let expressed bemusement over the sunshine in." But the Pike's request. "There's nosunshine in, and no one with he said, adding almost as an even so much as an ounce of afterthought, "though the human sentiment in his heart brain may very well have been affected.'

THE NIGHT THE BABE **BROKE DOWN**

by Midland Rice (Exclusive to the Midland Morning Caller)

April 23, 1927 . . .

It didn't look much like the Great Bambino, this sad-eyed, stoopshouldered man called Ruth who sat virtually alone amid a crowded hotel suite crammed with wall-to-wall women and free-flowing hooch. Gone were the jaunty step, the cockeyed little grin, the impish twinkle normally so alive in the now-tearful eyes of the unlikely-looking Yankee slugger. No, for the Babe, Mr. Baseball, there would be no party tonight.

To escape the din and clamor of the merrymakers and backslappers who seemed to care not a jot for the stricken youngster's plight, Babe slipped out to the Midland-Hilton Hotel restaurant, where he picked his way through a light, listless meal consisting of four steaks, eleven baked potatoes, a tossed salad, two chocolate layer cakes and nine bottles of beer. Then the disheartened swatsmith again retired to his room, dismissing all save this reporter and one of his many attractive female admirers, with whom he disappeared into an adjoining room. But the Babe's mind was clearly on more critical matters than an evening's frolic, as he continually poked his great bowed head out the bedroom door to inquire as to whether there had been any further

news "about that kid I brained," an obscure minor league moundsman lying 'twixt life and death at Midland County Hospital.

Finally, not more than an hour or so later, the Babe sent the young woman on her way and, with a towel wrapped about his middle, slumped into an easy chair to share a fifth of bootleg vodka with this reporter. It was only Ruth's second such bottle of the night, and it looked for the world that he wouldn't be able to finish even that.

'My heart just ain't in it," he croaked, staring despairingly at the gleaming bottle of normally Lethean ambrosia, "it's too busy goin' out to that poor kid."

Somewhere the sun may be shining.



"SIX-FINGER" FAILS IN **COMEBACK BID**

September 2, 1927 . . .

Ezra "Six-Finger" Pike, early season Midland hill hopeful laid low by a screaming line drive off the bat of a visiting Babe Ruth in an April exhibition match, failed in attempts to come back from debilitating head injuries sustained in the near-tragic on-field mishap, it was learned today.

After working out with the stuff. But not someone you'd team for several days, Pike know. No, it was more like, was granted permission by like someone from another manager M. Burleigh (Cap'n) they don't play the game so Kowpat to pitch in an intras- good. What I need, I think, is quad game. Failing to retire a short vacation to where a single batter, the dejected they are hiding me. It might diamond aspirant later ad- be a matter for the courts. mitted that his baseball future no longer seemed to loom were not made known. But it as bright as it had but a few does seem to look as though, short months before.

there today," the disap- bound with those of the local pointed thumb-baller al- nine. lowed. "I had somebody' else's

owner-general world, Mars maybe, where

Pike's future plans, if any, whatever they may be, they "I didn't have my stuff out will not be inextricably

MIDLAND MORNING CALLER

"Serving Greater Midland County Since Way Before Your Time"

"Six-Finger" Enters Midland Sanitorium

September 30, 1927 . . .

Midland rookie pitcher Ezra "Six-Finger" Pike entered Midland Country Sanitorium yesterday to undergo preliminary examinations to



OFFICIAL WINNERS OF THE MIDLAND SUNDAY MORNING CALLER'S 1ST ANNUAL NATIONAL PASTIME POETRY CONTEST

3rd Runner-up: Stanley Kozinski, 14, Freshman, Midland County High School.

$The \, Ballad \, of \, Ezra \, Pike$

Oh you've heard of Dizzy and Dazzy and Ty You've read about Alibi Ike But has there ever been a hero in the sweet by and by the Likes of Six-Finger Pike???

He was a rookie whose feet were still wet His ears were playing-field green He was the oddest hurler ever seen, yet He joined the Midland team.

He looked like a sharp one, this six-fingered youth As he breezed his thumb ball by'em Show him the fiercest batsmen, and in truth, Six Finger was dyin' to try'em.

Then one day the Babe marched into town His mighty Yanks trooping behind him Said Pike, 'Perhaps my pitches they'll hit But first they will have to locate them'

Six-finger survived but his talents did flee him

When the Babe's bat struck, so did tragedy too In the form of a vicious line drive When it caught the young moundsman square in the head He was just about as much dead as alive.

He was sent packing and went on his way But say, good sir, if you happen to see him Tell him we are, in a sense, still with him, wherever he may be today.





Midland Morning Caller

LOCAL MAN INJURED IN FREAK ACCIDENT

Midland Morning Caller

FORMER LOCAL BASEBALL TALENT **RELEASED FROM MIDLAND SANITARIUM**

September 21, 1959 . . .

After nearly 32 years of confinement, Mr. Ezra Pike, a former pitcher for the long-defunct Midland Midlanders baseball team of the old Class B Middle American League, secured his reléase yesterday from the Midland County Sanitorium For the Patently Dysfunctional.

Known during his brief playing career as "Six-Finger," a reference to the extra thumb on his left hand, Pike had been referred for treatment shortly after being struck in the head by a ball hit by

Babe Ruth, whose New York Yankees owned the minor league Mindland franchise.

Squinting against the bright sunshine of an early Fall day, Mr. Pike seemed in generally good spirits. He noted that the weather "hadn't changed much" during the "months" he'd "been away" and expressed hopes of finding employment in Midland. When asked what he remembered of his playing days, the 51-year-old Pike seemed to grow fearful, and nervously observed, "Now you're taking me back." The



March 16, 1962.

Ezra Pike, a Midland resident, was seriously injured when his left hand was caught in an freight elevator at the Midland Freight and Storage Company at 621 Oak Street. The injured man was delivering a package from the Midland Mercury Messenger Service, where he is employed, when the mishap occurred.

Fred Sherby, manager of the building, denied any responsibility in the matter. "He (Pike) just wasn't paying attention," he said. "It's as simple as that."

Doctors report that Pike will lose two fingers—both thumbs—from his injured left hand as a result of the ac-

"It's not the end of the world," sighed Pike, 53.



BBB

Lords of Baseball **Harbor Short Memory** For Forgotten Casualties of the "Beautiful Game"

Midland Morning Caller March 27, 1962 . . .

FORMER DIAMOND **PERFORMER** LOSES JOB

Midland resident and former minor league baseball player Ezra "Four-Finger" Pike was dismissed by the Midland Mercury Messenger Service after losing both thumbs on his left hand, the result of a freak encounter with a freight elevator.

"Since welfare is only for foreigners and I think I was born somewhere around here, I suppose I will simply retire," said Pike, 53.

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Mention the name Ezra Pike and more often than not the mentionee will shoot back, "Ezra who?" Which, when you stop and think about it, is a pretty fair ques-

Why? Well, that's another pretty fair question, and one you'll have to ask the mighty Lords of Baseball—self-appointed protectors of the sacred image of our so-called 'national pastime'-if you want an answer. But don't expect to get one. The Lords of Baseball, you see, don't choose to work that way. It's not mysterious

enough.

Which brings us back to our original question. Don't feel too lost in the stygian netherworld of abject ignor-ance if you weren't able to answer it yourself. After all, you're not supposed to (be able to). The Lords of Baseball don't want you to be (able to).

Ezra Pike never wore a major league uniform. Indeed, he wore a minor league Class B uniform. And for less than a month at that. Fans did not exactly fall into paroxysms of love, lust and/or envy at the sight of Ezra Pike or the mention of his mere name. In fact, history, when it condescends to remember him at all, remembers only two things about Ezra Pike, part-time hurler for the long-defunct 1927 Midland Midlanders of the sincevanished Middle American League: the extra thumb on his pitching hand and the vicious skull-shot off the bat of the 'immortal' Babe Ruth (dead of cancer) that dispatched Ezra Pike to that lonely limbo where baseball toilers go when they are suddenly transformed, via one swing of a lethal weapon, from active players into forgotten casualties of the so-called "Beautiful Game."

But who really cared? Not the Dictators of the DiamondJheydidn't want the messy taint of a promising career laid low to haunt them throughout the glory days of that championship season at Yankee Stadium, the so-called House That Ruth Built. Who cared about the fate of a lowly Class B pitcher, and a six-fingered 'freak' at that? But one has to wonder whether the so-called Great Bambino might not have reflected upon the fate of Ezra Pike during his own moments of doubt and pain when after filling Stadium coffers for well over 15 years when, after filling Stadium coffers for well over 15 years, he too was cut loose, tossed out of the very house he had alledgedly built by the cold-hearted Fascists of the Front

Office without so much as a fare-thee-well. Old and ailing, his spindly legs and absurdly petite feet no longer able to support an ample bulk ravaged by years of hedonistic self-indulgence, the Babe played part of that

season with the lowly Boston Braves, then quit, victim of the vagaries of Time, only to die a scant 13 years later. And you can bet so-called fans who still labor under the grand delusion that baseball still has some relevance in an era of irrelevance of the most vicious variety will

still ask, Ezra who? When they do, tell'em Ezra Pike. That's who,

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"Serving Greater Midland County Since Way Before Your Time"

The Sporting News April 8, 1975

Former major league hurler and author Jim Bouton "died" April 4th when he learned that Simon & Schuster traded his contract to Random House for two receptionists, a first reader, and a minor novelist to be named later. Bouton was

Ezra "Six-Finger" Pike, who pitched briefly for the old Midland Midlanders of the defunct Class B Middle American League, died of unknown causes in Midland, Indiana on April 1st. He was

TATTERDEMALION

What is it, the energy crisis? Air pollution? Depletion of the ozone layer with the consequent intensification of ultraviolet radiation on garment fabrics? Whatever it is, clothes just don't seem to be holding up so well any more, and the impact on Young Fashion has been simply tree-men-ious!

Surely you've noticed it nowadays, the way your dungarees dissolve on the way home from the store, your cords collapse, your denims decrepitate and your polyester goes pfft before you've even had time to get them stylishly mussy. And just as the threads get ever more threadbare, so too the prices get even more steep. A downright frustrating coincidence, nicht

 Well, leave it to today's ingenious fashion trendsetters to solve both headaches with one big aspirin: the Tatterdemalion Look. "Pump your riches into rags," is the slogan on all the best-informed lips. It's not enough any more to look merely Casual. Even dear old Sloppy has gone by the board, and of course the Faded Fad is strictly low rent

nowadays. The only acceptable appearance any more is-well, look at these two pages here-Tatterdemalion!

Sure, those with the big bucks to squander on old-fashioned durable fabrics are laughing now at the ragamuffin rage but don't worry, by the time school opens in September we'll all look like Emmett Kelly!



Going Places? Time was when a person could catch a tramp steamer to Morrocco and work all the way there and back in jeans and workshirt (\$26.60 at "The Gawp''):

TRASH!



Feets, do your stuff! Whoever said feet were "the ugliest part of your body" obviously never saw four or six cuty little piggies peeking coyly out from between the seams of the latest Thom McCorn styles (\$25-\$40). In all honesty, though, this sort of fractured footwear is not recommended for high-crime areas, what with all those huge pet police dogs!

FLASH!

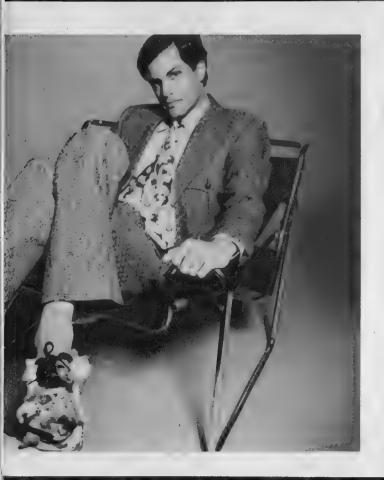


The Air-Conditioned Daydream. Summertime, and the biking is breezy in these very, very ecological no-ply corduroy styles offered by J.C. Penn'orth (\$19.99). A single hike to the beach and back is sufficient to render these brittle breeches the very epitome of frazzle-fashion.

GASH!



Runs for the money. Avant-garde art collectors, the fools, search the world over for "found objects" with pleasing natural abstract designs. While any woman with \$5.50 can score a pair of Haynous Pantyhose, and watch her very own individual artwork appear spontaneously up and down her legs.



ALICE IN E.S.P.

ADVENTURES "BETWEEN THE EARS"

ALICE YOU'RE A DISGRACE TO THE E.T.C. MOVEMENT, WHY WARP YOUR MIND ON THAT PSYCHIC GARBAGE, WHEN YOU CAN ACHIEVE FULL CONSCIOUSNESS BY READING MY LATEST BOOK, WERNER EBHARD'S E.T.C. FOR TEENS AND TWEENS?

WHY DID I GET STUCK WITH HAVING WERNER EBHARD

> GEEZ IM ONLY WEARING KNEE SOCKS, YET I FEEL THE PRESENCE OF SOMETHING ALIEN.

LATER

LOOK AT THAT WEIRD CREATURE WALKING POWN THE STREET. COULD IT BE AN ALIEN FROM OUTER SPACE? ONE OF VON DANIKEN'S LITTLE DARLINGS FROM THE CHARIOT OF THE GODS?

SUDDENLY

740.

HELP... I'M FALLING INTO THE GROUND DADDY EBHARD! WERNER! THIS MAY BE THE END OF ME.

I'M LATE I'M LATE BLEEP: BLEEP!







AT THE TRIAL OH NO, ANYTHING BUT THAT, EVEN E.T.C. PLEASE, LET ME GO HOME AND I PROMISE I'LL BE OFF JEAN DIXON EDGAR CAYCE AND VON DANIKEN FOR LIFE. ALICE, THIS COURT FINDS YOU
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Is it true? This amazing PSYCHIC PERCEPTOR brings you Wealth, Love and Power Beyond Belief!

Miraculous "Mental Instrument" offers instantaneous power to make your dreams come true! Power to SEE ALL, HEAR ALL, and COMMAND ALL!

Yes, Dr. Joseph Murphy's amazing secret of the Psychic Perceptor is here at last! After 20 years of mind research this miraculous psychic discovery is now yours.

Twenty years ago, the purposes and uses of this amazing psychic wonder were first perceived by Dr. Joseph Murphy of California. The amazing secret of the Psychic Perceptor—the miraculous mental instrument of the mind that can be made to respond to your will and desires!

The impossible had been achieved! As experiments progressed, thousands of poor, unhappy, discouraged men and women were having their lives transformed at last by one of the most magnificent discoveries in history!

Thousands Helped!

Now, you too, says Dr. Joseph Murphy, can build up an enormous treasure of wealth, energy, power over others, and new friends...while you rid yourself of fear, doubt, and evil psychic forces that may be blocking your road to fame and fortune.

All by using the one little secret of the Psychic Perceptor, that takes only minutes to learn—and can start working for you, automatically!

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A Proven Method!

Proof that this method works is supported by Dr. Murphy's personal witness and his files filled with thousands of true life case histories...

A former secretary claims: "If someone had told me a year ago that I would be driving a Lincoln; wearing a mink coat, expensive diamonds and sapphires; living in my own home and married to a wonderful man, I would have laughed out loud."

out loud."

Almost overnight, after using the secret of the Psychic Perceptor, wealth and happiness flowed to her in avalanches of abundance.

To utilize this miraculous new-found power, you need to learn only one thing—just one—and if you can read a few simply-told, easy-to-follow instructions, this tremendous power-giving force is yours to command. yours to command.

You Can Prove It Yourself At Our Risk— Just As These People Did!

Just As These People Did!

CLAIMS PSYCHIC PERCEPTOR BRINGS HIM WINNING TICKET! Dr. Murphy tells about a man who could not pay his bills. The rent was three months past due and his purse was empty. Dr. Murphy gave him the Psychic Perceptor secret—and a friend gave him the Psychic Perceptor secret—and a friend gave him the received a large sum of money, which solved all his problems!

PICKS WINNERS IN SIX RACES! Mr. J. J., of California, had been in the habit of losing \$10 to \$15 weekly at the race track. Accordingly, he began using his Psychic Perceptor every night for about 15 minutes to ask for \$50,000. On the fifth week, he went to the track and bet on six races. THEY WERE ALL WINNERS! And he received \$50,000 cash!

STRANGER HANDS HER \$100,000! Mrs. X., of Georgia, a widow who was living alone, could not keep up the payments on her home. Hearing of Dr. Murphy, she contacted him, and he gave her the secret of the Psychic Perceptor. After using this one simple secret—out of the blue—a stranger knocked on her door and she got the \$100,000 she needed!

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Andhra Research University of India Dr. Joseph Murphy is an internationally-known author, teacher, and lecturer. He is one of the foremost speakers on mental and spiritual laws in the world today. He is Minister of the Church of Divine Science, Los Angeles, California, and speaks to an audience of about fifteen hundred every Sunday.

Dr. Murphy conducts a daily radio program on self-development and frequently appears on television, Hundreds of thousands have attended his classes on the power of the subconscious mind.

• HOW SHE GOT A FREE VACATION! Mrs. Louise B, used her Psychic Perceptor to ask for a wonderful vacation. Shortly afterwards she received a gift of a European holiday for her entire family!

entire family!

Dr. Murphy tells of "miraculous" healings, of men and women who were able to draw their loved ones to them—as bees to honey—with this secret, contact long-lost friends and relatives, strengthen and unite all family ties!

Amazing Secret is Easy To Use!

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According to Dr. Murphy, if you are poor, your Psychic Perceptor can give you the wealth of an emperor, if you are tired or rundown it can give you boundless strength and energy, if you lack friends it can surround you with an army of devoted men and women—boosters and supporters who will stand side by side with you against the world, if need be.

Yes, my friend, you can do it as surely as you can breathe, and almost as easily.

What looks like sheer magic to others is merely the operation of a newly discovered natural process WHICH YOU CAN MAKE THE SERVANT OF YOUR WILL.

Why It Must Work For You!

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Best of all, your Psychic Perceptor is guaranteed to work for you automatically and endlessly for one simple reason...because it has worked for thousands of ordinary men and women from all walks of life, no better, no smarter, no luckier or harder working than you—and is working for them right now!

These people have received—

Wealth in avalanches of abundance, and discoveries of hidden treasure!

Psychic healing of maladies thought incurable!

Contact with long-lost friends and relatives!

Power to see and hear beyond walls and over great distances!

Freedom from fear of voodoo or evil eye!

Happier marriages, and more zestful daily living!

Prevention of many unnecessary tragedies!

The joyous satisfaction of the answered prayer!

According to Dr. Murphy, it can set you on the high road to happiness, quickly, easily, and automatically—just as it has for thousands of others!

Receives A Million Dollars!

I'I had the most amazing telephone call from the husband of a woman we shall call Mrs. H.," says Dr. Murphy, "My wife just inherited a million dollars. You told her what to do!" She simply told her Psychic Perceptor she wanted \$1 million—and at the end of about a month, she was advised by a stranger that she had inherited over a million dollars. It was, as her husband said, "completely out of the blue!"

Receives A Wonderful Healing!

Dr. Murphy reports how a medical doctor who had hurt his back, was sick in bed-and couldn't work or walk-was healed with his Psychic Perceptor! "Something happened to me," he said, "A strange feeling came over me; I felt a healing force flowing through me."

Reveals A Small Fortune in Dollar Bills!

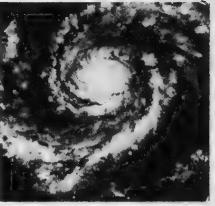
A woman in New York City says she asked her Psychic Perceptor to tell her the location of a box containing money. Soon she clearly saw a small black box hidden in the wall behind a picture of Lincoln. She saw a secret button, which could not be seen with the naked eye. When she pressed the button, an opening appeared containing the black box, which contained \$50,000 in cash."

How A Widow Of 72 Banished Loneliness!

Mrs. L., a widow, wanted desperately to remarry. She complained that although she had written for prayers to all the New Thought Churches to pray for the right husband for her, all the effort had come to naught. She said that her children were grown up, married, and living as far as 3,000 miles away and that while she met many widowers, no one had proposed to her. On Dr. Murphy's instructions, she used her Psychic Perceptor. Shortly afterward, she met a wonderful retired physician—who proposed marriage, which she accepted!

"Let Wonders Happen in Your Life Beginning Now!"

Yes now, says Dr. Joseph Murphy, YOU can have the power of a mighty PSYCHIC PEP-



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For just as a magician's wand was said to cause miracles, the secret of the Psychic Perceptor can bring miracles such as these—according to Dr.

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Murphy:

• PROOF—A girl who was slowly dying due to a belief that someone in Tahiti had put the "fix" (a native curse) on her—received a wonderful healing and is now bubbling over with the joy of life!

PROOF—Another reports she was immediately able to see her long-lost father, in a hotel room—thousands of miles away—and make him come

-thousands of miles away-and make film come back!

• PROOF—A young lady, whose doctor had given her 4 months to live, told her Psychic Perceptor to heal her. Six months later, her doctor said "A miracle has happened." Two years have passed and she says she is completely cured!

• PROOF—A young lady from Wichita, Kansas, states that the Psychic Perceptor method enabled her to reduce and control her weight. Her goal was 118 pounds, and—true to the law—she reduced 40 pounds!

• PROOF—Another woman saw the man of her dreams, with her Psychic Perceptor, and he was automatically attracted to her!

• PROOF—A girl was able to protect herself completely from being hypnotized by an expert, who wanted her to disrobe in front of twelve men and women!

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PROOF—Another user reports using her Psychic

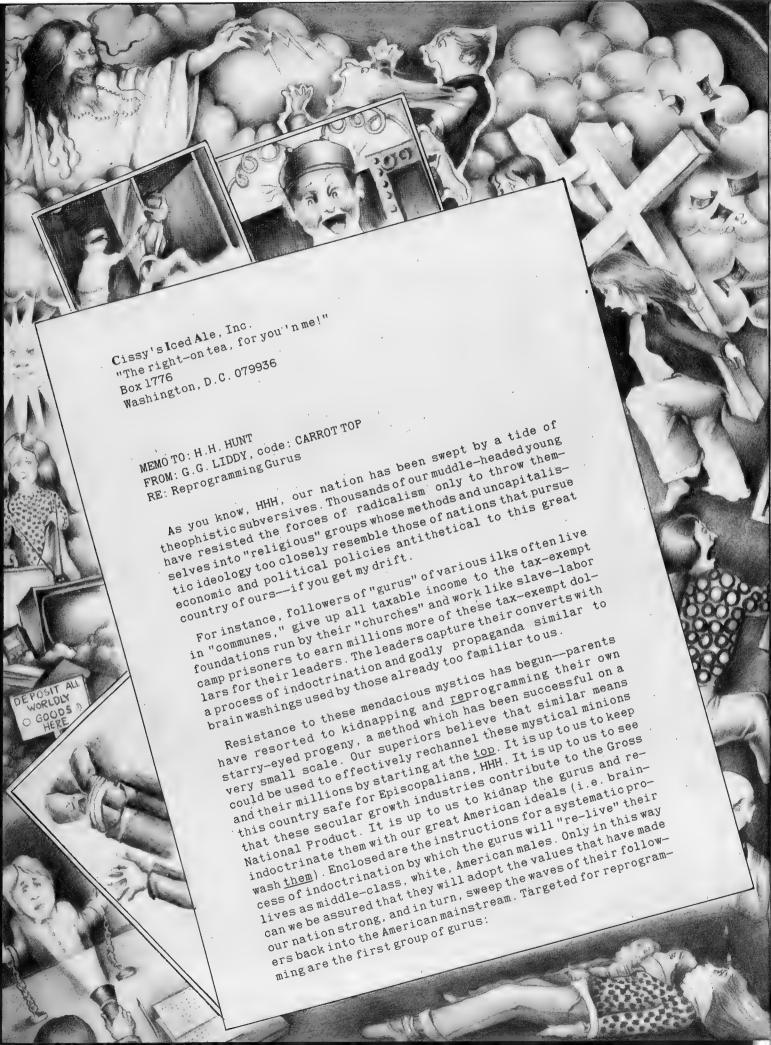
Perceptor to free her-at long last—from an evil
spirit who was constantly annoying her, pouring
out vulgarisms, obscenities, commanding her to
violate her sex code, as well as even scratching
her at night. The spirit disappeared—not daring
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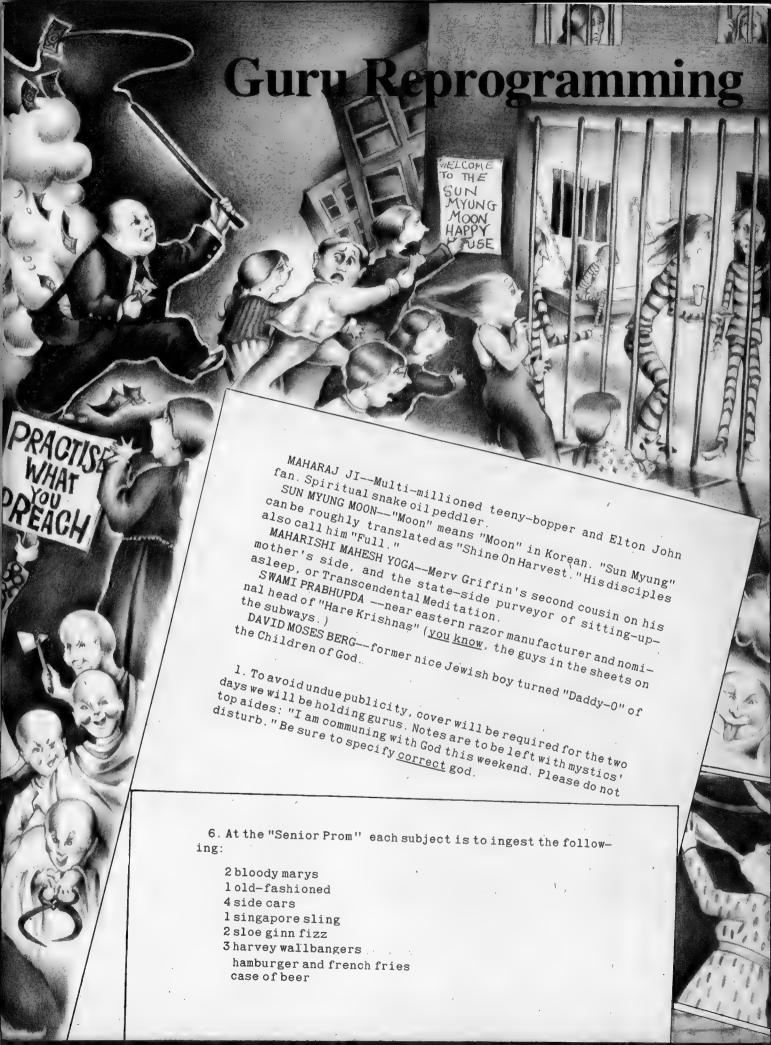
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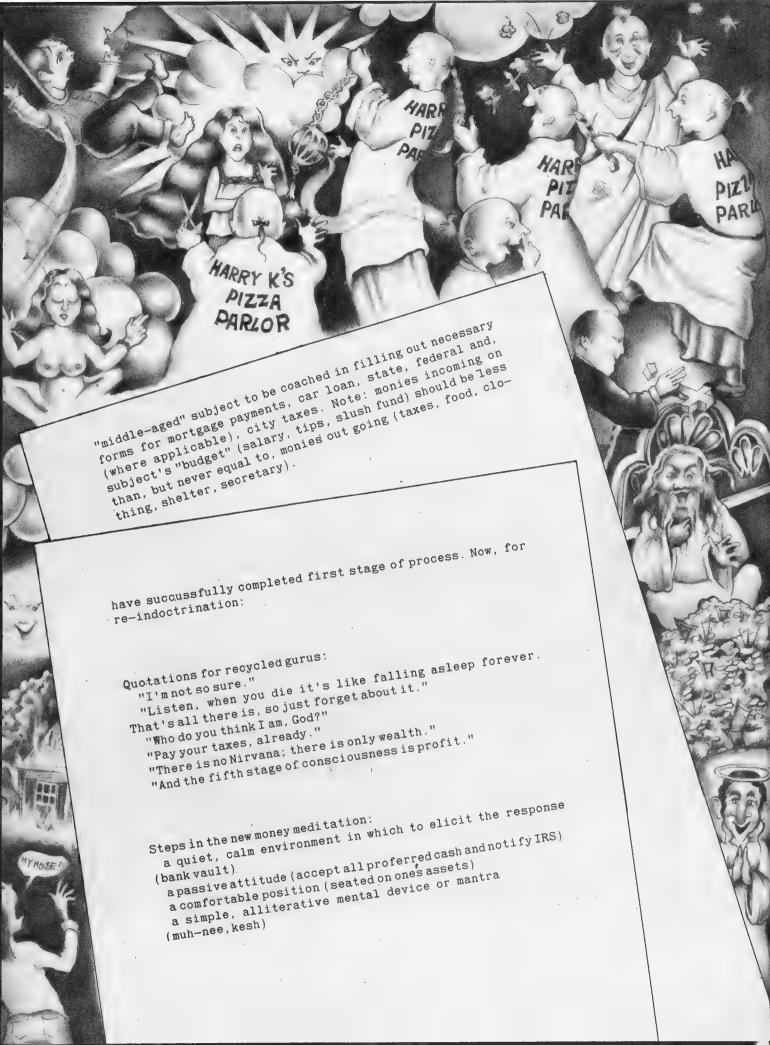
to return!

And best of all, this power can work for you right now, according to Dr. Murphy, You need no special abilities or training. On the contrary, he says, it's the simplest thing in the world!

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ATTACK OF THE PET ROCKS

by Phil Hirsch

It began, like most cataclysmic events, as an almost inconsequential incident on the historic (to pet rocks) afternoon of June 3, 1975. That was the day when Gerald P. Ogmath had the not-sobrilliant (not if you are a pet rock) idea to box pet rocks. Wasn't it horrifying enough that people in their infinite cruelty couldn't leave well enough alone? No, they had to start looking under rocks and making pets out of the prettiest of us rocks. Then Ogmath, a real smart-ass, had to get into the act. He went one step too far by designing those fancy boxes (we call them cages) for pet rocks.

Well, you can fool some of the rocks some of the time, etc., etc., but when you submit coral to one-quartz boxes—and expose us to other similar indignities—you are inviting the stones of Rome to rise and mutiny!

The day that Ogmath confined us to those dark, dank dungeons, we plotted revenge. Soon after began the pilgrimage to our Mecca—the Rock of Gibraltar. (Those who couldn't make that hegira made the trip to minor-league Mecca—the Boulder Dam.) Irish rocks were given papal dispensation to journey to the Blarney Stone if they weren't healthy enough to make it to Gibraltar.

Thousands of pet rocks escaped and joined hundreds of thousands of free rocks, and marching to the music of a rock group (what then?) called the Rolling Stones, began to wend their way to that most holy of shrines.

Every one of us who went to Gibraltar prayed that we would be set free. Hell, if God parted the Red Sea for the children of Israel, the least he

could do was to "let my pebble go"... to let people see the folly of their ways and to stop enslaving rocks by making them pets. And if He in His infinite wisdom could not see His way clear to go that far, the least He could do was to make it possible that no rock would ever again be wrapped like a stupid, useless jewel in some package-designer's ugly horrible nightmare of a box.

After all, don't rocks feel, too. If you prick us, don't we bleed!

Unfortunately, our prayers were not answered. Or were they? God moves in mysterious ways. Perhaps, somehow, He took the rocks out of our heads and made us see that there was only one way to save ourselves from a fate worse than a rockslide.

We had to do something "Never drastic. Prayer hadn't pet rocks.

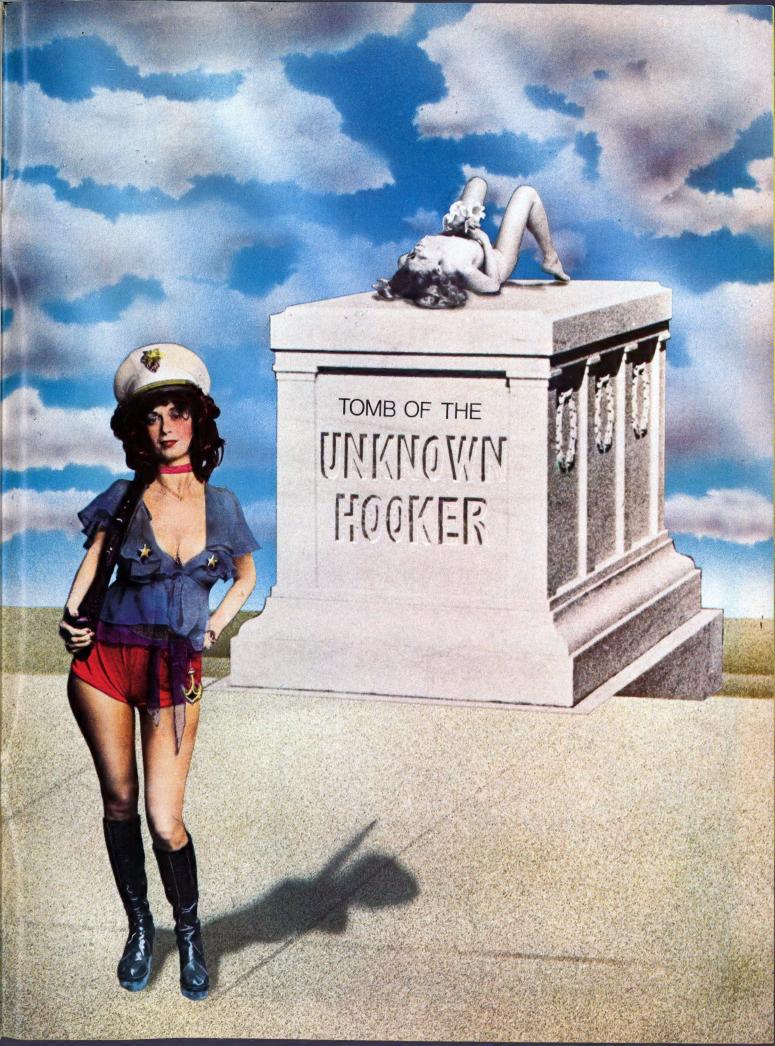
worked. We had, therefore, to fight fire with fire. We had to crush the oppressors. Yes, if necessary, we had to stone them!

And so it came to pass that, on the third Wednesday in March of 1976, the pet rocks met secretly and plotted the following succession of events that came to pass:

The Stoning of Man, a bloody affair, of which the less said the better. Suffice it to say that, after being pelted for three hours with everything from tiny pebbles to huge boulders, Man had had it. He sued for peace.

The Rock-Fast Agreement, in which Man agreed that it was utter folly to encase a pet rock in a fancy box. Such gaudy covering may be suitable for a diamond, a fine watch, etc., but not for any self-respecting pet rock.

"Never again!" vowed the pet rocks.



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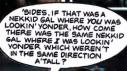












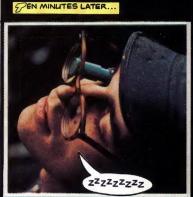




























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